



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 1:00 P.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 1:02 PM by Chair of the Board of Elections, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Director of Elections Joyce McKinley, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Elections meeting held on May 7, 2020.

### IV. DISCUSSION

#### Polling Places & Poll Workers

Three precincts will be consolidated for the June primary, #56 Harris Township East with #57 Harris Township West; #73 Rush Township South with #75 Rush Township West; and #18 State College Borough North West with #24 State College East 1. Jodi reported that there are enough confirmed poll workers to manage the precincts.

Commissioner Dershem asked if anyone from Election System and Software will be at the County on Election Day. Jodi said there will be two representatives from the company.

The drop box for mail in and absentee ballots has been installed at the Willowbank Building and Joyce reported that approximately 15 ballots have been received. The Board discussed the procedure for checking and retrieving ballots from the box. It was their consensus that two individuals should be present when opening the drop box. The Election Office will maintain a log of date, time and individuals who open the box to retrieve ballots.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2 of 2020 setting forth consolidation of polling locations for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many members of the local election boards have stated that they are not willing or reluctant to serve during the Primary Election. The County Board of Elections had decided that a consolidation of several precincts as provided by Act 12 is warranted and in order to make in person voting as efficient as possible has approved the consolidation of six precincts for the June 2 Primary Election:

The polling places for precinct #56, Harris Township East, and precinct #57, Harris Township West, are hereby consolidated to be held in the Boalsburg Fire Hall, Boalsburg, Pennsylvania.

The polling places for precinct #73, Rush Township South, and precinct #75, Rush Township West, are hereby consolidated to be held at the First Church of Christ, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

The polling places for Precinct #18, State College Borough Northwest, and precinct #24, State College East 1, are hereby consolidated to be held at the Hetzel Union Building, University Park, Pennsylvania.

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2 of 2020.

VI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 18, 2020

Last day to REGISTER before the primary.

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

GENERAL PRIMARY

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. Must be received by 8PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie Smith  
Executive Office Supervisor